

BIG SALE TODAY Men's Suits and Overcoats BAKER'S

MOSS

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points somewhat to the possession of this motive by his secretary of the treasury, but we should not condemn without clear proof.

Every thinking citizen must be for greater preparedness. By this I do not mean that he must necessarily be for the particular plan outlined by President Wilson or Secretary McAdoo, but in this period of awful carnage which almost all the other great nations of the world are seriously involved and in which the dire

results of unpreparedness on the part of some of the Allies have been so clearly demonstrated, he who runs may read. Admitting that there are usually two sides to every question, I must say that the other side of this question is certainly a very small side. Nations are aggregations of individuals. As individuals we try to prepare for the future. We do not sit still and wait for the Lord, we bring it if we remain inert. We do not throw open our doors at night, but on the contrary, bolt them, and frequently provide ourselves with some kind of a weapon so that in case of burglary we shall be at least somewhat prepared. If we hear that burglars are prowling around in the vicinity in great numbers, our preparation is necessarily more elaborate. The man who would fail to guard against this threatened invasion of his home under these circumstances would be considered silly, and he who prepared would not be condemned because on account of such preparedness being known to the burglars, they did not attack the security of his home. The disarmament advocate says that if we prepare we invite attack, and that we ought to appeal to the nobility and generosity of nations. If we were in heaven this would do. Unfortunately we still dwell in this cold chaos of a world where the sight of big guns and pointed bayonets is a better argument with most nations than any platitudes or tears of self-righteousness. Some nations of the world are filled with the lust of blood. The victor may want to complete the job by conquering the rest of the world or at least seizing the most desirable portions. A quarrel as an excuse is the easiest possible thing to manufacture.

What Would Happen.

Turn a few thousands of the season veteran soldiers of Europe fresh from victory into this country, and what would happen? It is all right to talk about the splendid response that the citizens of this country would make to an appeal to arms, but the lesson everybody is learning in this great war is that unseasoned and untrained troops are an easy prey to regular soldiers. While their patriotism would be noble, their capacity would be ignoble. And this great nation standing as the grand example of the ages of a government of, for and by the people would melt away, and historians would again record the failure of a republican form of government.

The Navy.

The primary need—that which is imperatively demanded at the earliest possible moment—is a navy equal to that of any other nation. It is the watch-dog of the country, and if it is big enough and bites hard enough the burglar will never enter.

The Army.

In considering the number of men we need for the army we must remember our responsibility to our outposts possessions, the Philippines, Hawaii and the Panama canal. The United States has never failed to live up to its responsibilities, and so long as these other peoples are in our charge we must protect them. As for the canal, its importance can not be overestimated, and notwithstanding the fact that by action of a Democratic Congress a large step was taken in the direction of giving it

away—it would have been a total abandonment of our peculiar rights had not the Senate attached to the House repeal and amendment reserving our rights somewhat less emphatically than that which you remember I tried so hard to have adopted in the House before it went to the Senate—yet in time of war I believe that the administration would favor our ships being permitted to go through it in twelve weeks rather than to take three weeks to go around the continent and would claim preference for our ships in this particular as against our enemy, although if the administration is right about its construction of the Hay-Pauncefote treaty, no such preference could be shown. But, to return to the subject of preparedness, a chunk of dynamite properly planted at that canal would render it useless during any war, so the importance of guarding it well is apparent. I should think, even to our peace-at-any-price friends,

The Cost.

Put up to the average American citizen the question: "Knowing that your house is in peril, that your family is in at least some danger of destruction, how much would you pay for adequate protection?" What would be his answer? "For this purpose take all I have if necessary." So with this nation. Of what use will all its possessions be unless protected? Is it not better to spend a part of the value of these possessions to preserve them rather than to economize along this line and lose them? I would say so, even if merely material possessions were involved, but when the life and liberty of every citizen and the preservation of our very form of government is also involved, we may well say let the cost be what is absolutely necessary to protect all that is nearest and dearest to an American citizen. We of course should not permit extravagance. We should make the best bargains we can, but if the total expenditures are large we should not hesitate.

Will the Republicans Help?

The Republicans of Congress will most certainly vote for preparedness. They may not favor the exact recommendations of the president, and I am inclined to think they will not favor the methods of raising revenue advocated by the secretary of the treasury. But they will vote, I believe, almost unanimously for some sane, comprehensive method of preparedness. I believe they will favor increase of membership in national military and naval schools, suggestion and encouragement of state schools and perhaps common public schools, to adopt some military training of the youth attending them similar to the Swiss and Australian systems of military training in schools, recognition and enlargement of the national guard of the several states which has rendered already such valuable service in emergencies, increasing the regular standing army to at least one hundred and fifty thousand men, and large increases in overseas naval vessels, large submarines and aeroplanes.

Democrats Must Not Play Politics.

If the administration is to receive the support of the Republican members of Congress in this great work, it must not play politics. During the last campaign Democratic speakers went up and down throughout the length and breadth of the land and proclaimed as their strongest argument the proposition that the president had kept us out of war with Mexico. An day they frowned upon us as unpatriotic and dying to make campaign issues out of national exigencies, when we answered those arguments and showed what a miserable failure the Mexican policy had been. So in this matter of national preparedness, if the Democrats try to win the next election by beginning now and continuing the cry that through the foresight and wisdom of the administration and its Democratic supporters preparedness was provided for and ignore the assistance that the Republicans want to give this great movement, and it looks now with Bryan, Kitchin, et al., getting busy as if the administration would need help of the Republicans—then they will turn a great national undertaking into a political issue. This would be indeed regrettable, and I sincerely trust that history will not repeat itself in this particular.

Must First Show Their Hand.

The Republican members of Congress do not intend, if they can help it, to permit the present condition of the United States treasury to be concealed by new appropriations for preparedness purposes. There is a deficit staring Congress in the face as a result, first, of the Underwood tariff law and, second, Democratic extravagance in appropriations. The European war can not be blamed for this lack of revenue because for the seven months between the time the Underwood tariff law went into effect to the beginning of that war, while the imports from Europe increased by leaps and bounds, yet owing to the free trade features of the bill the revenues were not adequate. Even our good friends, Senator Ham Lewis, Democratic whip of the Senate, in a recent speech in Kentucky condemned not only protection, but also the time-honored Democratic policy of a tariff for revenue only. You may look for other Democrats to follow in his footsteps. The appropriations of the sixty-third Congress (Democratic) for the two fiscal years, 1915 and 1916, aggregated \$2,331,055,150, which was double the total appropriations of the fifty-first Congress, in which Mr. Reed was speaker of the House, and \$200,000,000 more than the total appropriations of the sixty-first Congress, the last one controlled by the Republicans. The customs receipts for the last fiscal year were only \$200,000,000, \$100,000,000 less than for the last year of the Republican tariff law. Mr. Claude Kitchin, leader of the Democratic majority in the House, in a recent statement said: "Our general surplus fund of over \$150,000,000 is monthly disappearing. Our deficits are annual and monthly. Our revenues have diminished. We have strained the nerves of the government to get sufficient revenue to meet its ordinary expense. We have been forced to levy an emergency tax. Our deficit still exists; our revenues are still insufficient. After the expiration of the present emergency tax, December 31, 1915, we will be faced with a deficit for the coming year of at least \$117,000,000." Compare this with the surplus of hundreds of millions of dollars in the treasury when the Democrats took hold the reins of government. Mr. McAdoo's frequent switching of items in the treasury statement can not change the real result. On October 1, 1915, the treasury statement showed an increase in net balance over the preceding day of \$87,164,550.20, but it was a mere change in bookkeeping and was obtained by the transfer from the liabilities to the assets side of the ledger of the balance in the hands of disbursement officers, and the government bank not redemption fund, both of which had always been recognized as liabilities by the government; and also of including silver bullion and minor coins, none of which had ever been counted on the assets side of the ledger. The point I am emphasizing is that the Republicans in Congress and the American people have a right to know what amount is to be spent for preparedness and what amount is to be spent for making up the deficit in the treasury already existing, and to have the preparedness funds kept separate and distinct so far as practicable from other expenditures of the government. Those people who favor free trade, as well as those who favor protection, those who favor economy in appropriations as well as those who favor "pork barrel" appropriations, are all entitled to know how the application of their theories has worked out.

The Ohio River.

Speaking of "pork barrel," I am satisfied an effort will be made to deprive waterway projects of support. I agree with Senator Burton that there are a lot of mud creek and Coon Hollow run projects that should not again receive support. But improvements on great waterways like the Ohio and Mississippi rivers now progressing should certainly be permitted to go on. I shall do everything I can to procure the continuation of these improvements.

Secretary McAdoo's Plan and West Virginia Products.

I do not think the plan suggested by the secretary of the treasury of taxing oil and gasoline and reducing the minimum of the income tax so as to hit the citizen of small income will receive very hearty commendation in West Virginia. It is hard to understand why a particular industry confined to a few states has to be picked out and discriminated against when it comes to raising revenue. It is true that it looks as if, should the Democrats remain in power much longer, everyone will be taxed, but still we want at least to wait for our turn. I believe the secretary's plan will be greatly altered before it is enacted into law.

NEW USE

Of the Electro-Magnet in the Treatment of Disease is Made by Germans.

(Correspondence of Associated Press.)
BERLIN, Dec. 4.—The current number of a medical publication describes a new use of the electro-magnet in the treatment of disease. The method is the result of the work of Professor Bayr, of Leipzig. The treatment, which is employed in diseases of the intestines and in diagnosis, consists of the introduction into the intestines of a harmless iron preparation, upon which the magnet applied to the abdomen, exercises its attraction in such a manner as to effect desired changes of position of the affected tract. These changes are so

considerable that they cannot only be felt, but can be observed.

The process can be controlled with the help of the Roentgen rays, since the iron-containing tract is plainly delimited in the rays. The presence, extent and location of intestinal adhesion can be plainly observed, making the process of great diagnostic value. The magnet can be also used in diseases of the stomach and the peristaltic motion can be excited by electromagnetic massage.

COUNCIL

Transacts Routine Business Including the Granting of Various Kinds of Licenses.

Routine business including the granting of pool room and bowling and restaurant licenses was transacted by the city council Friday night. All members were present except Councilman Lee Stout.

A committee on the asked-for franchise of the Home Gas Company reported that it was not ready to report. Bills to the aggregate amount of almost \$24,000 were allowed. They include a large sum to the Latent Bridge Company which is completing the new Fourth street bridge.

A bill of Mrs. Mary Hugh amounting to \$50 was referred to the finance committee.

Bills were ordered to be made out and sent to persons owing the city for paving and sidewalks.

It was reported that Murdock avenue had been paved.

W. M. B. Sine was granted permission to erect a garage on Seventh street.

A communication from the state board of health of West Virginia was read. It stated that Dr. H. E. Sloan and Otto R. Sartor had been named on the city board of health.

RED CROSS

Society in Italy to Circulate Two Stamps of Its Own Only in Italy.

(Correspondence of Associated Press.)
ROME, Dec. 4.—The Italian Red Cross Society has obtained the permission of the government to issue two postage stamps of their own.

Fresh Eggs—Lots of Them

Why not have all the eggs you want—enough for yourself and then plenty to sell. Giving your hens



Pratts Poultry Regulator
is the sure way to make them lay. Costs only about a cent per month per hen. Guaranteed to satisfy you or money back.

Avoid Roup Losses—Pratts Roup Kennedy (tablets or powder), \$1.00, 50c and 25c.
A. GRANTANO
J. C. HILL & CO.
WEST VIRGINIA FEED & FLOUR CO.

Don't Forget That the Great Sale without a Parallel is still going on at

LEWIS' DEPT'S STORE

Glen Elk and LEWIS' PERFECTION GARMENT SHOP --- 124 S. 4th St.

Owing to the great success of the sale, the management has prolonged the sale from December 6 to 16 --- 10 more days, with new cut prices lower than ever. This sale was certainly the greatest ever pulled off in Clarksburg. Thousands of dollars worth of the finest and most seasonable goods was sacrificed without a parallel for the benefit of the public, and thousands of dollars worth more will be still sacrificed between now and Christmas.

Everybody Who Attended This Great Sale was Pleased to Learn That Every Article was Sold as Advertised.

COME IN AND LOOK THE GOODS OVER

Ladies' Silk Hose, value 75c, yours	39c
Ladies' Silk Waists, value \$4.00, yours	\$ 1.79
Ladies' Wool Skirts, value \$4.00, yours	2.28
Ladies' Dress Suits, value \$20.00, yours	10.45
Ladies' Plush Coats, value \$30.00, yours	14.50
Ladies' Handkerchiefs, value 10c, yours	3c
Children's Hose, value 15c, yours	8c
Ladies' Gowns, value \$2.00, yours	.79c
Ladies' Corset Covers, value 35c, yours	19c
Ladies House Dresses, value \$2.00, yours	43c

Come, and let us prove to you the truth --- that we do just as we advertise.

PERFECTION GARMENT SHOP

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